MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

- 1948 -

HELD WITH

LIBERTY HILL CHURCH

STANLY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 1948

OFFICERS

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator

BROTHER ELLIS HONEYCUTT, Clerk

PRESTON HELMS, Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association convened with Liberty Hill Church, Stanly county, North Carolina, Friday, September 17th, and continued through Saturday and Sunday.

The congregation assembled in the house at 10 o'clock a. m. and engaged in songs of praise, after which services continued with prayer by Elder B. A. Phillipps, of Alpharetta, Georgia, followed with introductory sermon by Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Liberty Hill Church. Text Matthew 5:13.

After about an hour serving refreshments, the Association met in the house and sang song of praise, then continued with prayer by Elder J. S. Stephenson of Benson, North Carolina.

Liberty Hill Church and Messengers and brethren composing this Association proceeded to business as follows:

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Liberty Hill church, served as Moderator, and Brother Ellis Honeycutt, Clerk of Liberty Hill Church, served as clerk, and called Preston Helms as assistant clerk, and aso called Elder D. B. Willard to assist with reading.

1. Invited all Orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from Sister Churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Liberty Hill Church represented by full membership.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Carl Griffin, Judge Polk, J. C. Mills and A. E. Broom.

Union Grove: Brethren Wade Baucom, Lloyd Outen, F. Latta Baucom and Sanford Medlin.

Mt. Creek: Brethren G. C. Medlin, Cicero Taylor, Willie Soloman and Ortis Medlin.

Lawyers' Springs: Brethren P. A. Griffin, L. W. Collins, T. L. Helms and J. R. Horne.

Union: Brethren Guy Johnson, Grady Braswell, W. R. Coley and R. M. Barnhill.

Bethel: Brethren R. O. Lewis, W. C. Benton, W. L. Bell and R. R. Best.

High Point: Brethren Fair Willard, L. E. Morefield, R. A. Strickland and Clay Willard.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Roy Hardy, F. H. Simpson, F. L. Nance and J. C. Rutledge.

Meadow Creek: Brethren R. M. Hatley, N. D. Hathcock, Charley Furr and Claude Hathcock.

Watson: Brethren Preston Helms, E. V. Baucom, H. N. Curlee and F. O. Helms.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren C. E. Russell, Elsie Auman, Rankin Richardson and P. R. King.

High Hill: Brethren M. C. Mills, Earl Presley, Howard Edwards and A. Z. Mills.

Corinth: Elder A. N. Green.

3. Called for Petitionary Letters.

Corinth Church, of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, presented a letter for membership in this Association and was unanimously received into fellowship of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Moderator, Elder C. M. Mills, was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren Ellis Honeycutt, Ellis Lambert, Floyd Lee Honeycutt, J. T. Simpson, and Elder V. V. Willard.

Committee on Finance: Brethren John Harwood, L. E. Morefield, A. E. Broom and Preston Helms.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report.

On June 3, 1948, Elders V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills and Hoyle Simpson and Deacons C. W. Griffin, Leonard Baucom, F. Latta Baucom, S. H. Edwards and Cletus Marsh organized a Presbytery by request and authority of High Hill Church and ordained Brother Earl Presley to the office and work of a Deacon of High Hill Church.

6. Invited visitors from Corresponding Associations to seats with us.

Silver Creek: Elders L. L. Huffman, Orvin J. Huffman, Sisters Mary and Ann Huffman, Brethren Sam Hartley, K. Crawford, Dave Land and A. D. McGee.

Dan River: A move carried unanimously to defer the Dan River until the next meeting of the Association.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. S. Stephenson, E. L. Ferguson, J. T. Lewis, Brethren J. S. Collins, Stokes Lawrence, M. E. Fish, R. F. Smith, W. A. Slauter, Rom Clifton and wife, J. D. Stancil, O. B. Currin, W. D. Barbour, L. N. Haynes.

Little River of Georgia: Elders B. A. Phillipps and wife, M. M. Morton and wife and Howard Robbins.

South Arkansas: Minutes

Mt. Zion: Elder J. D. Putnam and wife, Brethren Thomas Holland and Hoyte Brown.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elder Shade Tipton.

Sequachie Valley and Collins River: Brother W. C. Wilcox.

7. Invited brethren and sisters from Sister Associations who do not carry formal correspondence with this Association to seats with us.

Blue Ridge of Georgia: Elder T. C. Mooney.

Original Towaliga: Elder E. D. Spiers.

Oconee: Elder W. C. Allen.

Marietta: Elders P. A. Childers and wife and J. W. Dempsey.

Friendship: Elder J. A. Monsees and Brother C. E. Cook and wife.

Big Sandy: Elder T. L. Webb and wife and Brother Joe Browning.

California and Arizona: Brother Jonas Hartsell.

8. Appointed Messengers to visit Sister Associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders V. V. Willard and Hoyle Simpson.

Dan River: Minutes.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders Hoyle Simpson, V. V. Willard, D. B. Willard, Brother F. L. Baucom.

Little River of Georgia: Elders C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard and Hoyle Simpson.

South Arkansas: Minutes and messengers, if possible.

Mt. Zion: Elder V. V. Willard and Brother R. A. Strickland.

Tennessee-Nolichucky: Elder D. B. Willard and Brethren C. J. Mullis, Roy Hardy and Ellis Honeycutt.

Sequachie Valley and Collins River: Minutes and messengers if possible.

9. Agreed that we continue correspondence with all church and Associations with whom we now correspond.

10. On motion Brother Homer Poplin was appointed to write Corresponding Letter to be printed in the minutes of this Association.

11. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday, September 18th at 9:30 A. M. Benediction by Elder M. M. Morton of Smyrna, Georgia.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met in the house at 9:30 A. M. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder T. L. Webb, of Milan, Tenn., proceeded with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report.

Handed in by churches	$476.60
Handed in by friends	$185.40
TOTAL	$662.00

13. By motion unanimously agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual.

14. Corresponding Letter called for, read and alopted.

15. On motion it was unanimously agreed that we hold the One Hundred and Seventh Session of the Association with Pleasant Grove Church, Union County, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September 1949 and continue through Saturday and Sunday following and that the pastor of Pleasant Grove Church preach the introductory sermon.

16. By motion agreed that we have 1000 copies of this minute printed and distributed to the Churches and Corresponding Associations as usual and Preston Helms superintend the printing and distributing of same and that he be allowed $55.00 for printing, mailing and services.

17. By motion we agreed that all funds above allowed for printing and distributing minutes, be distributed to ministers.

18. By unanimous agreement the Association returns thanks to God for His mercy and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and vicinity for kind hospitality and entertainment during this meeting of the Association.

19. Agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder T. C. Mooney of Quill, Ga.

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator,
Rt. 1, Box 124, Charlotte, N. C.

ELLIS HONEYCUTT, Clerk,
Oakboro, N. C.

PRESTON HELMS, Asst. Clerk,
Rt. 3, Box 320, Marshville, N. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Handed in by churches	$476.60
Handed in by friends	$185.40
Total	$662.00
Allowed for clerk and printing	$ 55.00
Distributed to ministers	$607.00
Total	$662.00

DIRECTIONS

Pleasant Grove Church will have the pleasure of entertaining the next meeting of the Association, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September and continuing Saturday and Sunday.

Pleasant Grove is located about three miles North of Marshville, N. C. Marshville is on Highway 74. At this point turn North on 205 about two miles and bear left on county (dirt) road about one mile to first church on left.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder C. M. Mills, Text: Matt. 5:13.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder E. D. Spiers, Text: Matt. 11:25-30.
Elder J. A. Monsees, Text: Rev. 12:5.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder P. A. Childers, Text: 1st Cor. 15:1.
Elder Howard Robbins, Text: Unbelief.
Elder J. S. Collins, Text: Acts 9:1.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder T. C. Mooney, Text: Ezekiel 19.
Elder Shade Tipton, Text: Daniel 2:44.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder J. W. Dempsey, Text. Prov. 8:22.
Elder W. C. Allen, Text: Matt. 28:18-20.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Text: Rev: 22:14-17.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder E. L. Feranson, Text: Col. 3:14.
Elder Orvin J. Huffman, Text: John 10:1-4.

AT BROTHER ROY BRANCHES—SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder W. C. Allen, No Special Text.
Elder Howard Robbins, No Special Text.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder J. D. Putnam, Text: Isaiah 45:8.
Elder M. M. Morton, Text: John 5:21.
Elder B. A. Philips, Text: Rom. 8:35.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder T. L. Webb, Text: Acts 20:28.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Failed to get Text.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Mox 124, Charlote, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder Hoyle Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.
Elder A. N. Green, Rt. 3, Kings Mountain, N. C
Elder N. T. Mullinax, Elm St., Kings Mountain, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Homer Poplin, Rt. 2, Box 56, Albemarle, N. C.
Brother Paul Jones, Charlotte, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder E. D. Spiers, Conley, Ga.
Elder T. C. Mooney, Quill, Ga.
Elder Shade Tipton, Rt. 1, Townsend, Tenn.
Elder B. A. Phillips, Rt. 3, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder M. M. Morton, Rt. 1, Smyrna, Ga.
Elder Howard Robbins, Rt. 1, Woodstock, Ga.
Elder J. D. Putnam, Rt. 4, Boaz, Ala.
Elder E. L. Ferguson, Erwin, N. C.
Elder J. A. Monees, 38 Buckhead Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
Elder P. A. Childers, Chickamauga, Ga.
Elder J. W. Dempsey, Daulton, Ga.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Rt. 2, Benson, N. C.
Elder W. C. Allen.
Elder L. L. Huffman, Asheville, N. C.
Elder Orvin J. Huffman, Asheville, N. C.
Licentiate, J. S. Collins, Rt. 2, Angier, N. C.
Elder T. L. Webb, Milan, Tenn.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Rt. 2, Angier, N. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the Churches and Messengers composing the Original Bear Creek Association, and all of our corresponding and visiting brethren, greeting.

As it has fell to my lot to write this letter, I beg God that He will guide me.

We're thankful to our Blessed Lord and Redeemer that He has blessed us once more to meet in His name, to honor Him for all the blessings of life of which we're all unworthy.

We are thankful we are still in peace and are bound together in love.

We appreciate and are thankful for all the ministering brethren and all other brethren from all other Associations who are in peace. We welcome you. Come and be with us any time you can. All preaching is in harmony and in love, declaring that eternal salvation is alone God's work, the Triune God, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and our duty to honor and serve Him after He has given us eternal life.

In hope of eternal life.

HOMER POPLIN

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Articles 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13: 4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assst in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd. by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions
Pleasant Grove...	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt. 1, Box 124, Charlotte, N. C.	A. E. Broom, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C...	4						1	58	1	$ 47.00
Union Grove.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Loyd Outen, 1726 Chestnut St., Charlotte, N. C.	3	1						109	2	$ 87.50
Mt. Creek.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	G. C. Medlin, Rt. 4, Albemarle, N. C...	2						1	26	3	$ 27.10
Lawyer's Springs.	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C..	Robert Horne, Peachland, N. C.....						1		78	1	$ 30.00
	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va....											
Union.....	Elder Hoyle Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.	W. R. Coley, Rt. 1, Belmont, N. C.....								27	1	$ 15.00
Bethel.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	W. J. McLamb.....	1	1						51	4	$ 23.00
	Elder D. B. Willard											
High Point.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C..	H. M. Willard, Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C.	4					1	2	107	4	$ 40.00
Mills Chapel.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	C. J. Mullis, Kannapolis, N. C.....								29	3	$ 20.00
	Elder D. B. Willard											
Meadow Creek....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	R. M. Hatley, Oakboro, N. C.....	3							37	1	$ 51.00
Watson.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Preston Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C				1				34	4	$ 22.00
Pleasant Hill.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C..	W. E. Lucas, 1221 Northwood St., Greensboro, N. C.							2	34	3	$ 25.00
High Hill.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C..	M. C. Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.....				1			1	50	1	$ 35.00
Liberty Hill.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Ellis Honeycutt, Oakboro, N. C.....								70	1	$ 52.00
Corinth.....	Elder A. N. Green, Rt. 3, Kings Mountain, N. C.	Marvin Styres.....								12	3	$ 2.00
		Handed In By Friends										$185.40
		Total	20	2		2		2	7	722		$662.00